

Another neighbor who hoped to retire by years end is also running out of hope says, "We are told there is no more funding after January 18 for the courts, and our colleagues in the U.S. Attorney's office failed to be paid [today], although they stay on the job prosecuting criminals."

Another wrote to me after learning about what his own customers are going through: "I was touched by [the story of] a young woman who I gave an estimate to. She is engaged to a young man who works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. As she explained it, he is required to work without being paid, as they try to begin their lives together."

Another neighbor is not a government employee, but is still affected by the shutdown: "My wife and I are in the process of starting a new business and are dependent on an SBA loan," he wrote me. "We've spent months looking for a location in this very tight commercial real estate market and finally found one. We don't want to lose the opportunity to secure the location, start our new business and begin hiring employees just because the president makes demands that our representative legislature and our voters do not agree with."

Still another: "I am extremely upset about this government shutdown. I am a private contractor working on a government contract. I have been unemployed for weeks because of this. I can't pay my bills."

Our TSA officers, Customs officers and air traffic controllers at Tampa International Airport are outstanding. TSA Officer Luis Mendoza advised me that "I've been with TSA for 12 years. I have experienced previous shutdowns and close calls, but I really feel that this one is going to be a tough one to get through. The officers in Tampa are trying to hang in there because as they shared, 'We do believe in the Oath we took to protect the flying public and guard against threats.' But many are trying to figure out how to pay for gas, child care services, and groceries before rent, bills and medical care."

I also spoke with Admiral Karl Schultz who leads the Coast Guard this morning regarding our shared deep concern that our frontline Coast Guard service members are not being paid. In fact, one Coast Guard mother wrote me, "I have a son in the Coast Guard in Tampa, Florida that due to the government shut down will not be paid . . . I first hand know how this affects an individual and it take(s) several if not a life time to recover from this. These people should not have to suffer for others just trying to make a vote."

I urge the White House and GOP Senators to take up the bills to reopen America's government along with the detailed plan we have negotiated for modern border security—and do it today.

Otherwise there will be more headlines like the one on the front page of my hometown newspaper that says "Federal workers' new need: food assistance". Thanks to Tampa International Airport, Feeding Tampa Bay, United Way Suncoast, USAA, the Crisis Center and others who are supporting our neighbors caught in Pres. Trump's government shutdown, but this is no substitute for the government of the United States of America to function and provide the services all of our constituents need, for public servants to get paid and to fulfill the oath to protect and defend America.

## HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. GENE W. KALLSEN

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 16, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Dr. Gene W. Kallsen, on the occasion of his retirement as Emergency Faculty and Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at UCSF, Fresno and Community Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department. Dr. Kallsen served his last shift as an emergency physician on December 28, 2018. This is the culmination of a medical career spanning over 40 years in emergency medicine in Fresno. Under his exemplary leadership, Dr. Kallsen has achieved success through innovative thinking and integrity.

Dr. Kallsen, a native of Minnesota, attended the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Kallsen received his residency training at the University of California, San Francisco—Fresno and competing an internship at the University of Washington Affiliate/Harborview Medical Center.

Dr. Kallsen first began his career as an emergency medical resident at UCSF Fresno, where he maintained stable relationships with staff and patients. His strong work ethic and dedication to helping people earned him a position as a faculty member, and eventually as Chief and Medical Director for the program. During the program's 43-year history, UCSF Fresno's emergency program has graduated more than 300 residents. Dr. Kallsen's time at UCSF Fresno can be characterized by his compassion and willingness to go the extra mile to help his patients and students.

Dr. Kallsen's distinguished career includes more than 10 years as Fresno County's first Emergency Medical Services director, two years as chair of the California Commission of Emergency Medical Services, 23 years as chief of UCSF Fresno's Emergency Medicine Department, five years as assistant dean at UCSF Fresno and over 28 years in leadership roles with the Central Faculty Medical Group. He also led the emergency medicine department transition from University Medical Center to Community Regional Medical Center. Today, Community Regional's Emergency Department is one of the largest and busiest in California, seeing an average of 110,000 patients a year. In addition, Dr. Kallsen and his wife Pam have established the Gene W. Kallsen, MD, Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine at UCSF Fresno, to ensure that the teaching program will continue to recruit the finest physicians and medical educators to head its emergency medicine program for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Gene W. Kallsen for his remarkable career achievements with Community Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room. Dr. Kallsen will leave a robust foundation for the Emergency Department to continue to build upon. He has created a lasting legacy that will continue to help the people of the San Joaquin Valley. I wish Dr. Kallsen the very best as he enters this new phase of his life.

## IN HONOR OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ALFREDO AND GUILLERMINA HERNÁNDEZ

### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 16, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th wedding anniversary of Alfredo and Guillermina Hernández.

Alfredo and Guillermina were married December 18, 1968, in México Distrito Federal. While still residing in Mexico, they had three children: Veronica, José Alfredo and David Alejandro.

Alfredo and Guillermina immigrated with their children to the United States on September 29, 1979. They settled in Santa Ana, California, where they became productive members of their community, never taking for granted the opportunities our great country has provided them.

For 30 years until he retired, Alfredo worked for Miniondas, a Spanish newspaper based out of Santa Ana, and Mrs. Hernández has been a small business owner in Santa Ana since 1987. Their hard work and dedication bettered not only their lives, but the lives of their children, grand-children and the generations of children who will follow in their footsteps.

Their eldest daughter, Veronica, has been employed with the Santa Ana Unified School District for 28 years, and is married to Ladislao Guillen.

Their son, José Alfredo, who has been in practice for 18 years as an immigration and criminal defense attorney, served the SAUSD for 10 years as an elected member of the School Board. He established his own law firm in December of 2006, and is married to Alma, an attorney who serves as a Riverside County prosecutor.

Their son, David Alejandro, served as a United States Marine for 14 years and now works at the Department of Health & Human Services, and is married to Laura.

The legacy of this couple continues not only through their three children, but also through their nine grandchildren, one of whom is serving in the United States Army Reserve, another who has obtained a university degree, and others who are pursuing their educations, dreams, and goals.

Considering the strong values, they were provided with from their own parents, it's not surprising that Mr. and Mrs. Hernández achieved this significant milestone. Alfredo's parents, now passed, were married for 50 years, and Guillermina's parents have been married for 69 years and counting.

Madam Speaker, please join me in acknowledging the accomplished lives of Alfredo and Guillermina Hernández and the gift they've given their children, a set of values that stem from their humble roots as immigrants. Together, they have produced an extraordinary family, whose members are now living the American Dream.